Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, An ethical, well-trained, and dedicated direct support professional workforce is often the bridge to inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and,

Whereas, Empathy and genuine understanding of persons with disabilities are fostered in communities through the work of direct support professionals; and,

Whereas, Communities are strengthened and enriched by the inclusion of all members of society, including people with disabilities; and,

Whereas, People with disabilities may be better able to secure and maintain gainful employment with the support of direct support professionals; and,

Whereas, Many families of people with disabilities are supported through the efforts and assistance of direct support professionals; and,

Whereas, The lives of children and adults with disabilities are enriched through the work of direct support professionals; and,

Whereas, Direct support professionals develop close, personal, and trusting relationships with those they serve and dedicate their energies and efforts to helping them live meaningful, happy, and productive lives; and,

Whereas, Direct Support Professionals Week is an opportunity to recognize these devoted and compassionate workers in our communities and to thank them for their service to South Dakotans in need and their families:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 13-19, 2015, as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State